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December Events at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library

The Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library will host a variety of free programs this December, beginning with Winter BINGO Monday, Dec. 4 through Saturday, Jan. 6. Ages 18 and under can pick up their BINGO card from the library's Information Desk. Participants can then read for 30 minutes, according to instructions, or complete the action described in each square. When 5 squares in a column have been completed, each participant may return to the library to select a prize. When all the squares have been completed, participants can enter a free prize drawing.

The "Tech Connect: Library Mobile App Petting Zoo" will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. Community members are invited to learn about the library's free apps on a variety of devices. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about online language learning, eBooks, eMagazines, downloadable audiobooks, and more. Advance registration is required. Please visit the Salida Library or call 209-543-7353 to sign up.

Great Valley Museum will present a program about rainforests on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. Children will learn about the rainforest habitat, its inhabitants and their importance through video, live animals and hands-on materials.

A free Computer Basics class will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m. Participants will be introduced to the parts of a computer, receive a tour of Windows, and learn simple tasks. Advance registration is required; please call (209) 543-7315 to sign up.

Children can enjoy a special glow-in-the-dark Story Time on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. This event will feature new and classic picture books, flannel board and prop stories, fingerplays, music and dancing. Lights will be out for most of the Story Time, and glow sticks will be provided.

The Modesto Money Mavens will offer a free couponing class on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m.

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Participants will learn how to find bargains and save money.

Children and teens are invited to get excited for the theatrical release of *The Last Jedi* with a week of *Star Wars* themed fun Dec. 11 through 16. Throughout the week, participants can stop by the library to complete a *Star Wars* themed hunt for a prize, and visit the Information Desk for take-home crafts. On Thursday, Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. all ages can enjoy a STEAM* infused *Star Wars* program. (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Participants will save the rebel hero trapped in carbonate, mix up some galaxy slime, and more.

Ages 13 to 18 are invited to experience virtual gaming technology with the library's Oculus Rift virtual reality headset on Monday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. This event will be first come, first served.

The Salida Library Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. to discuss *Housekeeping* by Marilynne Robinson. Interested parties can visit the library's Circulation Desk to take advantage of the copies available for checkout, though please note that supplies are limited. Call Isabel at 209-284-2327 for more information.

"Wee Move and Play" will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. This program features unstructured playtime, during which toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy music, movement and sensory play.

Frozen Week at the library will be held Dec. 18 through 23. Children and teens can search the library for Olaf for a chance to win a prize. Family Dinner and Movie Night on Tuesday, Dec. 19 will also feature Disney's *Frozen*. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner to a showing of the movie, starting at 6 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket on which to sit, and children may come in pajamas. The library will provide a beverage and popcorn. On Thursday, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. the library will offer a variety of *Frozen* themed crafts and activities, including indoor snowball fights, a game of Pin the Nose on Olaf, and more.

Children can build and play with LEGO® bricks on Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 4 p.m. Children under 4 are welcome to participate, however they must have direct parental supervision.

The Salida Tween Book Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 28 at 4 p.m. The program will feature a discussion of *Star Wars: Jedi Academy* by Jeffrey Brown, as well as games and activities. The Tween Book Club is designed for ages 9 to 12. Please contact the Salida Library at (209) 543-7353 to reserve a copy of *Star Wars: Jedi Academy*.

The Salida Teen Advisory Board meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 30 at 3 p.m. Teens can share their ideas on teen library programs and services, while earning community service credit.

Children's programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Salida Library. The Salida Library is located at 4835 Sisk Road. For more information, please call the Salida Library's branch supervisor, Wayne Philbrook, at (209) 543-7353.

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